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note class led to Tarragon, Yattendon, and Stadard, in the order in which they are named. The first award was made on the following grounds:—Head, including expression, two points; neck, three; ears, six; breast, four; loins, seven; hips, two; shoulders, four; back, three; chest, six; flank, including aleath, three; quarters, two; gaskins, three; forearms, four; knees, three; hocks, five; legs four; pasterns, each, four; four; complete symmetry and suitability for the purpose for which shown, ten; total, 99.

44 10s. 7d. : total, £1650 16s. 8d.

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trustees have to report that the first part of the scheme, comprising the Australian Government's

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is with deep regret that the trustees have to record the loss which the Museum has sustained this year.

ladder. Should the water rise much higher it will produce a most calamitous state of things. The great majority of the farmers are literally struggling to get on, struggling on in hope of a more propitious time, though that time must be to them very far distant.

Monday morning, 7th July.—The tide is quite back again, and has broken over a few very low places. Portions of Cornwalis, Clarendon, and Clifton bottoms are under water. The current is strong, and I think the rise has been, at least, 12 inches. The weather is fine.

Monday, 12 noon.—There has been no rain since last night, and the river continued rising till 5 o'clock this morning. At some time the tide water has been on the beach about twenty-five feet, and though not to be considered a large flood, it is sufficient to destroy half the crops of the district, beyond, too, that the water has been on the beach has been much injured by the excessive moisture. All the struts along the South Creek, Eastern Creek, and most of the Pinnacles farms are under water. Mr. John Wood has lost eighty acres of maize, cotton and sugar cane. He no doubt have suffered equally, as many hundreds of acres are deluged. The scene along the South Creek, as all the flood comes there where the water is so high, is magnificent, is one of extreme beauty viewed from the railway bridge, but beneath lie concealed the evils produced by a terrible destruction of the crops of the farmers on that side of the river. The injury is not so complete, on the other the flood is far more calamitous.

specimens for Professor Owen, British Museum.

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— KRECH, Chairman and Secretary.

—TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERRARD.

SIR:—In consequence of the article which appeared in the Herald of the 15th instant, referring to my experiment in horticulture, I have had numerous applications for permission to visit my nursery at the residence of Mr. J. H. Minkley, in order to answer each applicant by letter. I will feel obliged to you by your making public that I shall be happy to allow any one who takes an interest in the subject to call on me any week this season, and also to afford them every information in the subject in my power.

I am personally to be found at home every day, Mondays excepted.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
CHARLES THORNE

Cotuit, 21st November.

£380 2s. 1d.; Wellington expedition, \$290
£173 15s. 3d.; total, £553 14s. 3d.

JUDGING BY POINTS.
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TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

SIR,—There cannot be a doubt but that judging in this way, when properly carried out, and discussing the value of the points and the judge's awards, would teach the exhibitors—say, and some of the judges themselves—more in a year than they could possibly learn in six under the old system—to say nothing of preventing the enormous diseases which would be the result of the system given under the old system, and every one who desires the success of the society, and the advancement of the colony, ought to con- siderate their duty, not to withhold their aid, but to be it indispensable to do, to make the system of judging by points as perfect as possible.

I am, with great respect,
Yours, &c.,
W. D. G. Kingston, of the Prov.

the new system would work in a dairy cow cluster: the above is sufficiently explicit with regard

on judge, at the late Exhibition, has taken this subject up, and put its importance so clearly before the public, as he does not think it necessary to dwell on the 29th ultimo. Anything coming from him in the subject of stock, or their management, necessarily receives the careful consideration of our friends, and where a brother and judge of Mr King's standing speaks out so strongly in favour of the new mode of judging, backed as he is, by Mr. Morton, and the distinguished adherents in the colonies, they may depend it is the right course.

It was not, however, so much to say anything further in support of this system as to notice a few of the most important raised by Mr. King with reference to some of the details, that I now address you; and if I disagree with

ed by a prize, in fact, assuming that the judges
ied for their task, the benefit conferred upon the

The first point of difference is the question—whether or not points should be grouped. Mr. King thinks that they should be so, in order to reduce the number of columns in the award paper, while I, on the other hand, hold that every point, however insignificant, should have a separate column and a distinct vote attached to it. In my format the points are grouped, and the subject is the subject of the

There are two or three that are worth consideration. The first is the demand for a more uniform system of judging his points demands superior nature

These findings, taken in conjunction with the evidence from the other studies, strongly suggest that the consideration will show that the grouping of points only complicates the matter, and that the work more than makes up for the time lost by the grouping when several points are grouped, and to be considered together, the students have to work out their respective shares (if they do not already have them) and then add them together by a process of mental calculation, to obtain the value of the group, while, if the points are taken one at a time, and then added together, the students would quickly arrive upon the number to be allotted to each point as it occurs, and make it their business to remember it, therefore, it is suggested that any points could be grouped, but rather whether or not any have been so grouped. To illustrate this, let us suppose that the three points of "hair," "skin," and "feet," grouped by

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tarily and strategically, it is necessary firmly to retain Metz as a defensive bulwark.

The correct account of prisoners taken at Metz make a total of 173,000.

The Prussians are now at Villiers, near the Amiens and Rouen railways.

A corps of Baden troops is reported as beaten at Besançon, 1200 were killed, and 300 retreated into Switzerland and were disarmed.

A French decree orders the mayors to organize a complete system of observation on the movements of the enemy.

Consols 92½.

LONDON, OCTOBER 30TH.

The Germans entered Metz to-day; 40,000,000 francs and 2000 guns were captured.

The Mobiles repulsed 1200 Prussians when attempting to cut the Amiens and Rouen railway.

The Crown Prince of Prussia and Prince Frederick Charles are made marshals, and General Moltke a Count.

Prussia, Russia, and Austria have agreed to the candidature of Prince Amadeus for the throne of Spain.

A flying column of Wurtembergers captured 600 Franc-tireurs and Mobiles, and mitrailleurs, between Nanges and Montreuil.

A circular from Gambetta announces the surrender of Metz as a crime.

6000 Prussians left Metz to besiege Longwy.

31st OCTOBER.

The German army hold 300,000 French prisoners.

Metz is occupied by the Germans; there were 60 Generals, 3000 guns, and 40,000,000 of francs taken.

A Government proclamation issued from Tours, charges Marshal Bazaine with treason; declares that the Republic will never cede an inch of territory on capitulation.

The negotiations for an armistice are reported as abandoned; nothing definite has been heard from Thiers as to his mission yet.

Germany holds grand religious services before commencing the bombardment at Paris to-morrow.

Adelaide debentures, 111; Tasmanian, 109; Queensland, 109; New Zealand, 98½.

ARRIVED.—Fire Queen.

SAILED.—Underley, Avonmore, Essex, White Eagle, Collingrove, Wagamba.

The wool sales are without alteration. Fine sorts are neglected.

LONDON, 31st OCTOBER, 3.55 P.M.

Advices from Versailles state that the French drove in the Prussian outposts on the 18th from St. Denis, occupying a position of considerable force; the Prussians retook it on the 30th, after a brilliant fight, taking 30 officers, and 1200 prisoners; their loss was heavy.

On the 31st October, in a proclamation from Tours, the Government attributes the capitulation of Metz to the treachery of Bazaine, and expresses a determination to resist while an inch of soil remains.

When the capitulation was known by the inhabitants they were furious; the National Guard refusing first to surrender their arms. Bazaine has gone to Wilhelmshoe. The populace hooted and attacked the carriage.

CONTINENTAL.

ITALY.

The result of the plebiscite at Rome was 47,212 ayes, and 68 noes for the sovereignty of Victor Emmanuel.

The Pope remains free at Leonine city.

Parliament will assemble to decide on the seat of Government.

The King has addressed a deferential letter to the Pope.

An earthquake occurred at Calabria, where property and lives were lost.

RUSSIA.

Great warlike preparations are in progress; field telegraphs and medical reserves are organizing, and troops are being massed on the frontier. This demonstration is supposed to threaten Turkey.

GERMANY.

Negotiations for the entry of the Southern States into the confederation are favourably proceeding; also for proclaiming King William Emperor of Germany.

AUSTRIA.

The Emperor keeps clear of European complications.

The Reichsrath opened on September 17th, with a conciliatory speech from the Emperor.

The Bohemian Deputies are still absent.

AMERICA.

There are great rejoicings at the German successes, and much sympathy for the French Republic. Food, arms, and ammunition are being shipped from New York to France.

The regular troops are leaving Fort Garry; Kiel and his chief followers are hiding. New York, October 6.—Closing price gold, 113½; petroleum standard white, 25½ cents.

INDIA AND THE EAST.

The non-arrival of the China steamer delayed the departure of the Australian steamer from Galle till November 2. Captain Gilmore returns to Melbourne. Since there is no prospect of England being involved in the war, the steamer Rangoon takes the Malta's place next trip, and the latter will go to China. The new steamer Australia arrived

through the Suez canal; she is 3600 tons, but is for the Chinese and Suez line. The £5 reduction on the P. and O. passage rates will not affect Australia.

The French steamers continue running.

The proposal is made by the British India Company to form a mail service from Mauritius to Galle.

Heavy guns are being placed on the Galle fortifications.

Colombo, November 1.—Australian sovereigns 6 per cent. premium; bank bills on London, 6 months, 4½ per cent. premium.

An India opera corps have arrived at Calcutta.

Coal beds of excellent quality have been found in the Madras Presidency.

Mr. Haywood, the Central-Asian traveller, was stoned to death at Yassin.

Armstrong guns are mounted at Aden, and Perin.

A famine is threatened in Persia.

The Government of India gave £1000 to the funds of the Livingstone Expedition.

Pondicherry, October 7.—The Viceroy is visiting Rajpootana and was received in great state by the Chief.

On the 3rd November, the Madras Infantry proceeds to China.

A serious accident occurred on the 21st October, on the North West Railway; the Madras train was precipitated over a broken bridge into the river; the European chaplain, Mr. Seymour, and his wife were lost, also some natives.

BOMBAY, OCTOBER 27.

A more cheerful feeling pervades business in the prospect of peace; serious losses in the cotton trade are expected. Bank bills, 6 months, London, 12; 10½ per rupee. Sales of copper were made at reduced price. The coal market is inactive, but stocks are diminishing.

CALCUTTA, OCTOBER 25.

Money plentiful. Bank bills, 1s. 10½d. Business dull. Rates of freight have advanced, as ships are expecting to convey troops to China. 29,000 tons of shipping are unfixed. The rice and cotton crops in Burmah and the Central Provinces are expected to be heavy. The cattle disease is spreading. Australian bar gold, 22 carats, rupees 15.9 sicca weight; sovereigns, Australian, no stock. Copper, ingots, 28 rupees per lb.

CHINA.

The news is up to the 11th October at present; the mail did not come. A typhoon occurred at Hongkong on the 26th September, causing much damage to property and life. Foreign shipping is exempt.

The Chinese are collecting troops in the North, and placing guns on the Taku forts, preparing for war. The expulsion of foreigners is talked of.

The Christian Chapel at Fatsah, destroyed by the Chinese, is to be rebuilt.

Prince Kung was not assassinated.

A street fight took place at Yokohama between French and Prussian sailors.

H. C. Wright, who defrauded Bright, Brothers, is in gaol at Hongkong.

COMMERCIAL.

EXPORTS.

The declension in shipments continuously reported since January continues, and exports for the week ending September 16th are lower than for any similar period since February-March, 1867, being £520,200, showing a falling off of £130,600, chiefly to Melbourne. The market is lower than ever known, but several clearances have been effected since. Exports to Victoria £177,200, decrease £99,800; Sydney £178,900, decrease £24,000; Adelaide £39,300, decrease £26,200; Queensland, decrease £15,000; Swan River, decrease £23,900; Tasmania, decrease £28,100; New Zealand, increase £25,600.

A quarterly statement shows that the gross values of all Australian exports for the nine months have fallen off two and a quarter millions, or 25 per cent. less than the same period last year.

CLEARANCES.—For Sydney, 3; for Melbourne, 15.

EXPORTS FROM AMERICA, for Melbourne: Kerosene, 244,430 gallons; tobacco, 88,712 lbs., and 344 boxes, etc. Sailed—Escort, William Turner, and Roberts. Loading—For Sydney, 1; Melbourne, 2.

WOOL REPORT.

During the month there has been some demand for Australian, New Zealand, and Cape wools. 2500 bales have changed hands at the closing rates for July for home trade. Reports from the manufacturing districts state that business is sound and active, stocks light. Schwartz thinks the demand for fine wools will be comparatively good.

Money is abundant. Bank rate 2½ per cent. Consols are recovering from their depression, and are quoted at 92½.

The stock market dull, as commercial enterprise is in suspense. Failures continue numerous.

The Board of Trade returns show that commerce is only slightly affected by the war. Gilbert Kerr's estate was liquidated from

bankruptcy. Liabilities, £63,000; assets, £37,000.

Guild, Chapman, and Co.'s estate came before the Court on the 26th September. Liabilities, £85,000; assets, £72,000.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

LEATHER.—A small quantity of Australian was brought forward on September 15; there is a steady demand at last sales rates to 1½d. per lb. advance.

MIMOSA BARK is in limited demand; 200 tons were sold out of 487; chopped £7 to £8 10s.

COPRA.—18 bags Australian sold at £18.

COCONUT OIL.—Sydney is inquired for, and realised advanced prices.

HIDES.—4000 hides sold.

TALLOW.—Australian is in moderate demand. The sales are less than for months back.

FLAX: New Zealand.—There is a large quantity; of 5500 bales brought to sale, 1500 sold at an advance.

THE COPPER MARKET is in an almost dormant condition; Australian, £70 10s.

SPERM OIL, £82 10s.

COLONIAL SECURITIES.—Victoria Sixes, January-July, 114; ditto, April-October, 110½.

New South Wales Fives, 1871-73, January-July, 101; ditto Fives, 1888-1895, January-July, 101. New Zealand Fives, 1891-97, ditto Sixes, 1891, March-September, 106.

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EXPORTS.

Stables' circular gives the following as the principal exports to Sydney during the four weeks ending 16th September:—Bar and rod iron, 329 tons; hoop iron, 44 tons; plate iron, 60 tons; pig iron, 260 tons; sheet iron, 29 tons; galvanized iron, 150 tons; wire and wire rope, 51 tons; linseed oil, 2788 gallons; rape oil, 50 gallons; olive oil, 70 gallons; woolpacks, 1254 pounds; cornsacks, 1794½ lbs.; gunpowder, 284 cwt.; tobacco, 44,484 lbs.; brandy, 21,843 gallons; rum, 19,353 gallons; red wine, 7155 gallons; white wine, 6261 gallons; beer in bulk, 1031 barrels; beer in glass, 1244 barrels; white salt, 1808 tons; candles, 2148 cwt.; currants, 633 cwt.; cheese, 280 cwt.; bacon and hams, 299 cwt.; malt, 25 quarters; hops, 115 cwt.; salt fish, £319.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Artemesia, from Adelaide; Mallard, from New Zealand; and Strathnaver, from Sydney.

DEPARTURES.

FOR SYDNEY.—Harlaw, Sir John Lawrence Subrao, Adelaide, Louis, and Degeer.

FOR MELBOURNE.—Jeannie Ellingwood, Atlas, Cardigan Castle, Nineveh, Kirkham, Great Britain, and Swifts.

FOR BRISBANE.—Light Brigade, Avondale, Alfred Hawley.

FOR SWAN RIVER.—Strathmore.

FOR LAUNCESTON.—Fugitive.

LOADING.—For Sydney, 19; for Adelaide, 6; for Melbourne, 24; for Brisbane, 5; for Hobart Town, 3; for Launceston, 2; for Swan River, 1.

MERCANTILE AND MONEY ARTICLES.

MONDAY EVENING.

The Customs revenue received to-day was as follows:

Brandy	...	£217 10 40
Wine	...	163 1 4
Whisky	...	20 10 0
Beer	...	44 10 0
Alcohol	...	148 10 0
Ala. port, and beer (in bond)	...	3 10 0
Tobacco and snuff	...	400 10 0
Coffee	...	22 10 0
Tea	...	213 10 0
Cocoa and chocolate	...	44 10 0
Sugar (unrefined)	...	9 12 10
Dried fruits	...	22 10 0
Spices	...	0 10 0
Other specific duties	...	44 10 0
Ad valorem	...	1424 10 0
Total	...	£4238 10 0

The arrival of the branch mail steamer Alexandra at Adelaide was announced at an early hour this morning. The news she brings from England is only twenty-one days old, her latest dates being to the 31st ultimo. Our usual summary supplies the following items of monetary and commercial intelligence:—

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Bank discount remains as reported by the mail via California, 2½ per cent., with an abundant money market. The wool report states that during the month there has been some demand for Australian, New Zealand, and Cape wools. 2500 bales have changed hands at the closing rates for July for home trade. Reports from the manufacturing districts state that business is sound and active, stocks light.

The produce market report is as follows:—A small quantity of Australian leather was brought forward on September 15th; there is a steady demand at last sales rates to 1½d. per lb. advance. Mimosa bark is in limited demand; 200 tons were sold out of 487; chopped, £7 to £8 10s. 18 bags Australian copra were sold at £19. Sydney coconut oil is inquired for, and realised advanced prices. 4000 hides sold. Tallow is in moderate demand; the sales are less than for months back. 4500 bales New Zealand flax brought to sale; 1500 sold at an advance. The copper market is in an almost dormant condition; Australian, £70 10s. Sperm oil, £82 10s.

TERMINAL ACCIDENT IN A RAILWAY TUNNEL.—A serious accident took place on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway, on Tuesday, between Liverpool and Wigan, in a tunnel situated about a quarter of a mile from the Orrell station, and four miles from Manchester and Yorkshire is an express, to which is attached a third-class carriage for passengers from Liverpool to Manchester east of Bolton. The train is not timed to stop between Liverpool and Wigan, and generally passes rapidly through the tunnel question, which is said to be worked on the block system. And which is known as the Upholland Tunnel. Recently platelayers have been engaged in repairing the up-line in the tunnel, and on Tuesday they were employed to lay the cutting in the tunnel. It is said to have been signalled in the usual way, and entered the tunnel at a moderate speed. On reaching the place where the platelayers had been working, the engine, by some means as yet unexplained, was thrown off the line, and fell against the side of the tunnel, to which it dragged the whole of the train. All the carriages were for the most part uninjured, and they were with the guard and some of the passengers, were prompt in their endeavours to obtain assistance. Both lines were stopped, and a telegraph for medical aid was sent to the nearest station. There was for a short time a terrible panic among the passengers, many of whom had been injured, and the scene in the tunnel was entirely beyond description. The only carriage which had been greatly damaged was the one next the engine-coupling, and the engine went on a few yards until it became wedged against the brickwork, which was much damaged. The driver and stoker held their ground, and were not injured, and they, with the guard and some of the passengers, were prompt in their endeavours to obtain assistance. 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HORTICULTURE AND FARMING.

GLADIOLI IN FLOWERS.—Our fine collection is now in flower, and will be displayed in our window during the season. Many new varieties have been added, and new being booked for delivery in March. L. W. FOWLER, and CO., Seedsmen, 285, Pitt-street.

STOCK AND STATIONS.

FOR SALE.—A good Milch COW, just calved. MARMION, Watford, near Charing Cross.

AUCTION SALES.

GEORGE KISS will sell by auction, at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock.

GEORGE KISS has been favoured with instructions from T. J. Blackmore, Esq., to sell by auction, at the Campden Yards, THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock.

GEORGE KISS is instructed by Mr. A. Mackenzie, to sell by auction, at the Campden Yards, THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock.

GEORGE KISS is instructed by Mr. Thomas Ireland to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, on THURSDAY next, at 11 o'clock.

GEORGE KISS is instructed by Messrs. Wyndham, Brothers, to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, TO-MORROW, Wednesday, at 11 o'clock.

GEORGE KISS is instructed by A. H. Macleay, Esq., to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, on WEDNESDAY next, at 11 o'clock.

GEORGE KISS has been favoured with instructions from Rev. Father Sheridan to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, on WEDNESDAY next, at 11 o'clock.

GEORGE KISS has been favoured with instructions from Messrs. Cliff, Brothers, to sell by auction, at the Campden Yards, on an early date, of which due notice will be given.

M. PITT has received instructions from W. F. Buchanan, Esq., to sell by auction, THIS DAY, the 22nd instant, at Ellis and Co.'s Yards, at half-past 11 o'clock.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTICE.—In consequence of Messrs. Ridge and Chapman's sale being postponed until further notice, their sale is POSTPONED until further notice.

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TO GARDEN BUTCHERS AND OTHERS.

HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN have received instructions from the Hon. Basil Samuel, Colonial Treasurer, to sell by public auction, at the 'Athenian,' Olden Island, THIS DAY, 22nd November, at 12 o'clock.

S. GRAHAM will sell by auction, at the Railway Station, THIS DAY, at 10 o'clock.

W. PILLS and JAMES will sell by auction, at Railway, THIS DAY, Hay, straw, &c.

GOSPER and MOSES will sell by auction, at the Railway Station, THIS DAY, Tuesday, at 10 o'clock.

H. VAUGHAN has received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, 22nd instant, at 2 o'clock, on the premises, N. Pooey, Mary-street, of Campbell-street, &c.

ALEX. MOORE and CO. will sell by public auction, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, at the Bazaar, Pitt-street.

On the Premises, 100, Parramatta-street, opposite Abercrombie-street.

First-class BUTCHERING ESTABLISHMENT.—To Butchers, Gentlemen, and others requiring first-class Cut-under Buggy and Horse.

MR. H. D. COCKBURN has been instructed by Mr. Hodges, butcher, 109, Parramatta-street, who is relinquishing business in consequence of extreme ill-health, to sell by auction, the above.

On WEDNESDAY, November 23, at 11 o'clock prompt.

S. LEVIN has received instructions from Mr. Padden to sell by auction (if not previously sold by private contract), on the premises, Burwood Hill, corner of Margaret and Clarence streets.

On WEDNESDAY, November 23, at 11 o'clock prompt.

At the residence of Dr. Hartman, 126, Phillip-street, who is leaving for Melbourne.

Walnut Cottage Piano, prize medal, by Bord, and Music Stool.

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO THE TRADE.

Cargo of the Ann Lucy, from Ceylon.

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FOR ABSOLUTE SALE.

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